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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

25X1A SUBJECT: [ ] - Coordination of Agency Legal Support

1. It has been apparent to [ ] and myself for sometime that we were not au courant on recent developments in this project. This was confirmed in a conversation today with the private legal counsel and it is most probable that a number of developments of which we were unaware have not been brought to the attention of the General Counsel himself.

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2. The private attorney pointed out that on many occasions he was acting on matters where the decision was properly the responsibility of this office. He further indicated that he would not only be pleased but consider it most advisable to have a representative of this office attend Directors' meetings as well as other sessions involving vital legal implications.

3. This situation has undoubtedly been the result to some extent of accumulating work pressures within the Agency. On random occasions a case officer has indicated to a member of this office that it might be advisable for us to go to a meeting convening within the next ten minutes. However, I think it more likely that it is due to confusion in the minds of the Operations people as to just where Agency legal responsibility lies. It is possible that they are under the misleading impression that the private attorney designated by this office is representing the Agency's legal view. I believe it would be advisable to designate the prime responsibility for a member of this office to be kept advised of current developments insofar as they effect Agency interest and fall within our concern. This would require appropriate cooperation from the case officer and those persons with primary cognizance of the project.

4. The private attorney will in effect confirm these views by making similar suggestions directly to the General Counsel at the first opportunity available to him.

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